

What is claimed is:

1. In an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, a method comprising:
 - 5 providing an interactive list software tool, wherein the software tool generates a graphical user interface displaying a question and an answer box to a user to select at least one answer to the question in the answer box; and
forwarding the list software tool from the electronic device to a remote client.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the list software tool provides feedback to the user indicating whether an answer selected by the user is correct.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the list software tool permits a predetermined number of attempts by the user to enter a correct answer.
- 15 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the list software tool automatically provides a correct answer in the answer box after the user surpasses the predetermined number of attempts.
- 20 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the list software tool prevents the user from entering an answer after the predetermined number of attempts.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the list software tool is an applet.
- 25 7. In an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, a method comprising:
receiving a request for a Web page at the electronic device from a remote client;
and
in response to the receiving step, sending a Web page containing a question and
30 a list software tool embedded therein to the remote client, wherein the list software tool generates a graphical user interface (GUI) including instructions to a user to enter an answer to the question provided by the Web page.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the Web page comprises a page of an on-line educational course.
9. The method of claim 7, wherein the Web page includes a software tool tag
5 instructing a browser to execute instructions for running the list software tool.
10. The method of claim 7, wherein the list software tool includes a definition file defining a correct answer to the question.
- 10 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the definition file is separate from a source code for the Web page to prevent a user from obtaining the correct answer by viewing the source code.
12. The method of claim 7, wherein the list software tool is an applet.
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13. A computer-readable medium for use in an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, comprising
instructions for running a list software tool for displaying a question and an answer box to a user, wherein the user can select at least one answer in the answer box
20 to the question.
14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions are executable on a virtual machine.
- 25 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions are stored on a server and downloaded to a local processor of the user.
16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the medium includes
30 hypertext markup language (HTML) code to reference the software tool.
17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the HTML code includes the question.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, further comprising a definition file indicating a correct answer for the question, the definition file being separate from the HTML code to prevent the user from obtaining the correct answer by looking at the HTML code.

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19. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the list software tool is an applet.

20. An electronic device for providing an on-line educational course comprising

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a processor;

a display screen; and

memory including a Web page having an interactive list software tool embedded therein,

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wherein the processor executes the list software tool to generate a graphical user interface on the display screen, the graphical user interface displaying a question, and an answer box to a user to select at least one answer from the answer box to the question.

21. The electronic device of claim 20, further comprising a browser for locating and displaying the Web page.

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22. The electronic device of claim 21, further comprising a network connection for connecting the electronic device to a computer network.

23. The electronic device of claim 20, further comprising input media to allow the user to enter the answer.

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24. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the list software tool is an applet.